(b) The State Governments in default in setting up of requisite number of Fast Track Courts are Bihar, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Punjab and West Bengal.

(c) The term of FTCs which were functional and whose term expired on 31.3.2005 were further made operational for a period of five years till 31.3.2010 with 100% Central funding. Only those FTCs (1562) which were made functional by State Governments were taken into consideration for extending their term.

Cases pending in courts

2206. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the total pending cases in the Supreme Court and each High Court as on the 1st January, 2006, court-wise;

(b) the reasons for such mounting number of pending cases; and

(c) the steps proposed to clear the huge stockpile of cases in the Supreme Court and various High Courts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) At present there are 33,635 cases in Supreme Court and 34,24,518 cases in High Courts reported to be pending. The High Court-wise break up is enclosed as Statement (See below).

(b) The main reasons leading to accumulation of arrears are:- population and litigation explosion, frequent adjournments, delay in disposal of old cases, delays in filling up of vacancies.

(c) In order to clear the huge stockpile of cases in the Supreme Court and various High Courts, the Government has initiated a number of measures which include, timely filling the vacancies of judges, increasing the judge strength, grouping of cases, involving common question of law, constitution of specialized benches, organizing Lok Adalats at regular intervals encouraging alternative modes of dispute resolution like negotiation, mediation and arbitration, and setting up of special tribunals like Central Administrative Tribunals, State Administrative Tribunals, Income Tax Appellate Tribunals, Family Courts and Labour Courts. The

Government has extended the term of existing 1562 Fast Track Courts for another five years i.e. upto 31.3.2010 for clearing huge pendency of cases at district level.

Statement

Latest pendency position in High Courts

Sl. No.	Name of the High Court	As on	Civil cases	Criminal cases	Total
1	Allahabad	30.6.05	551630	187151	738781
2	A.P.	30.6.05	137666	17479	155145
3	Bombay	30.6.05	296888	49054	345942
4	Calcutta	31.12.04	212448	40270	252718
5	Delhi	30.6.05	64302	12913	77215
6	Gujarat	31.12.04	113505	25962	139467
7	Gauhati	30.6.05	51531	7061	58592
8	H.P.	30.6.05	18160	5918	24078
9	Jammu & Kashmir	30.6.05	41022	2729	43751
10	Karnataka	30.6.05	75948	11176	87124
11	Kerala	30.6.05	116088	22824	138912
12	Madras	30.6.05	272494	16871	289365
13	M.P.	30.6.05	141475	60427	201902
14	Orissa	30.6.05	176708	16854	193562
15	Patna	30.6.05	69012	24784	93796
16	Punjab & Haryana	30.6.05	195321	43293	238614
17	Rajasthan	30.6.05	154314	44930	199244
18	Sikkim	30.6.05	70	8	78
19	Uttaranchal	30.6.05	30446	6548	36994
20	Chhattisgarh	30.6.05	45752	22855	68607
21	Jharkhand	30.6.05	23199	17432	40631
	TOTAL		2787979	636539	3424518